

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. - (Currently Amended) Method for manufacturing visual communication panels ~~of the type which mainly consists of~~ comprising a support (2); ~~that is to be~~ provided on at least one side with a coating (11) made of enamelled metal[[,]] glazed at temperatures above 500°C, comprising the steps: ~~characterised in that it mainly consists in~~ applying a continuous coating layer (11) of enamelled metal on at least one side of a continuous support (2) in the form of a plating plate; in gluing the coating layer (11) on the support (2); in pressing the coating layer (11) against the support (2) to form a continuous panel with the required thickness; and finally, optionally, in sawing the resulting ~~obtained~~ continuous panel into individual panels having desired (25) ~~with the required~~ dimensions.

2. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the continuous support is provided with a continuous coating layer on either side, (11) and (28) ~~respectively, of which~~ and wherein at least one coating layer (11) is formed of enamelled metal[[,]] glazed at temperatures above 500°C.

3. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein ~~or 2, characterised in that,~~ for pressing on each the coating layer ~~or layers (11-28)~~; the support (2) is synchronously led through a laminating device (3) together with each the coating layer ~~or layers (11-28)~~, ~~whereby the~~ and wherein each continuous coating layer ~~is~~ or layers (11-28) are each unwound from a roll (10-27).

4. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 3, wherein ~~any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the~~ each coating layer ~~or layers (11-28) are~~ is heated before led into the ~~above-mentioned~~ laminating device (3).

5. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 2, wherein ~~any of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ between the support (2) and each the coating layer (11); ~~layers (11-28) respectively, there~~ is provided a layer of glue (26).

6. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 5, wherein each characterised in that the layer of glue (26) ~~consists of~~ comprises a cold glue.

7. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 5, wherein each ~~any of claims 4 to 5, characterised in that the~~ layer of glue (26) ~~consists of~~ comprises a hot glue which melts under the influence of heat and congeals again when cooled.

8. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 7, wherein characterised in that the layer of glue (26) is based on a hot glue in the form shape of what is called a [[]] hot-melt adhesive [[]].

9. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 7, wherein characterised in that the layer of glue (26) ~~consists of~~ comprises polymers in the form shape of hot-melt adhesive granules or powders.

10. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 3, wherein ~~7, characterised in that the support (2) and the~~ each coating layer or layers (11-28) in the laminating device (3) ~~are~~ is subsequently heated and cooled again.

11. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 3, wherein each ~~any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the~~ layer of glue (26) is formed of an adhesive film (19-30) wound on a roll (18-29) and which is fed through the above-mentioned laminating device (3) ~~as of this roll (18-29) together with and between the support (2) and~~ each respective the coating layer or layers (11-28) concerned.

12. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 11, wherein each characterised in that the above-mentioned layer of glue (26) is provided on at least one of the support (2) ~~and/or on the~~ and each coating layer or layers (11-28).

13. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 5, wherein each characterised in that the layer of glue (26) is obtained from adhesive granules (43) which are extruded to form an adhesive film.

14. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 5, wherein the process for obtaining each ~~characterised in that the~~ layer of glue (26) is selected from the group consisting of: provided by means of spraying, curtain coating, roller coating, silkscreen printing, stencilling ~~or~~ and powdering.

15. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 14, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the support (2), when being supplied, is already provided with a layer of glue, or in that the material of the supplied support comprises gluing components or has gluing properties.

16. - (Currently Amended) Device for manufacturing visual communication panels (25) according to the method of claim 3, comprising ~~one or several of the preceding claims; characterised in that it mainly consists of~~ a transport table (1) for providing a continuous support (2); at least one roll (10) of a continuous coating layer (11) which is formed of a continuous layer of enamelled metal; a laminating device (3) through which the ~~above-mentioned~~ support (2) and the coating layer (11) are led; a gluing means (17) for gluing the coating layer (11) to the support (2); and ~~possibly~~ optionally a sawing device (23-24) downstream of the laminating device (3).

17. - (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, including ~~characterised in that it is provided with~~ two rolls (10-27) of a coating layer, (11) ~~and (28) respectively~~, of which at least one coating layer (11) is formed of an enamelled metal, whereby wherein the support (2) is movable ~~led~~ through the laminating device between the coating layers (11-28) and wherein the glue applying ~~whereby means is arranged~~ (17) ~~are provided~~ to apply a layer of glue (26) between the support and both coating layers (11-28).

18. - (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, including: ~~or 17;~~ ~~characterised in that it is equipped with~~ one or more ~~several~~ heating appliances (16) which are provided opposite to the coating layer or layers (11-28); ~~in particular between the above-mentioned roll or rolls (10-27) and the laminating device (3).~~

19. - (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, wherein ~~any of claims 16 to 18, characterised in that~~ the laminating device (3) is formed of a table (1) and an endless belt (4) opposite to said table 1, and of two endless belts (4) erected opposite to one another, wherein ~~whereby~~ the laminating device (4) is provided with heating elements (6) and with cooling elements (8).

20. - (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, wherein glue applying means ~~or 17, characterised in that the means (17) for providing a layer of glue (26) consist of~~ comprises one or two rolls (18-29) ~~with~~ carrying an adhesive film (19-30), whereby ~~wherein the or~~ each adhesive film (19-30) is lead through the laminating device (3) between the support (2) and a respective coating layer (11-28) ~~concerned~~.

21. - (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, wherein ~~or 17, characterised in that the glue applying means (17) is~~ for applying a layer of glue (26) are formed of at least one or several ~~extruding application applications (39)~~ which are is fed with adhesive granules (43).

22. - (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, wherein ~~or 17, characterised in that the glue applying means (17) for applying a layer of glue (26) consist of~~ comprises one or more ~~several~~ appliances for applying glue selected from the group consisting of (44) ~~for~~ spraying, curtain coating, roller coating, silkscreen printing, stencilling and ~~or~~ scattering glue (45).